Highway grid would depend on the availability of resources in tbe Eighth Five Year Plan.

Sino-Indian border dispute

*127. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh talks are proposed to be held with China to resolve the Sino-Indian border dispute; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The boundary question is a subject of continuing discussion between the Governments of India and China. The India -China Joint Working l Group on the boundary question has been established to address this question. Government's efforts are directed at reaching a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question with China, consistent with our national interests.

Private entrepreneurs to construct Highways

*J28. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private entrepreneurs are proposed to be allowed by Govt, to construct highways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the reasons for allowing the private sector to undertake such construction work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Government had in July, 1985 by a public notice invited proposals from private sector for undertaking the construction of national highways at their cost but no satisfactory response was received. Government are prepared to consider such proposals.

(c) It is to increase the investment in national highways by supplementing the budgetary resources.

U.S. protest against India's action in Srinagar

*129. SHRl SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS b^ ploescd to state:

(a) whether Government aio aware of a press report in "Th? Hindustan Times" dated, 4th Maich, 1990, captioned U.S. flays setion in Srinagar whicr quoted State Department Spokeswoman, Margaret Tutwiicr. deploring ihe violence in Srinagar and u-ging New Delhi to immediately step its security forces from '.hocting im armed civilians; and

(b) if so, whether Governmenl have made any protest in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF tXTER. NAL AFFAIRS (SHRl I. K GUJRAL): Ia) Yc.s, Sir.

(b) Th Government h.a con veyed te the US Ambassador ii New Delhi its crnoen at the in i.'GC.uratc statement made by th Stale Department spokeswoman.

Intelligence branch of Kashmir in Delhi

130. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL Will the Mi nis-tcr of HOME AFFAIRS b pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fcc-t that a ' intelligphc* branch of the Kashir*

Government is prescntlv functioning in the Capital:

(b) if so, what aic the functions of this branch;

(c) whether this branch works in collaboration with RAW or the CBI of tho Central Government; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken to oust the intelligence branch staff from the Capita! ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRT MUFTI MORAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To collect and disseminate intelligence material of political and public importance It also deals with matters connected with security of ths State VJPs on visit to Delhi.

Ce) No, Sir.

{('). There is no proposal to oust this unH from ths Capital.

US financial assistance to Pakistan

*131. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will tho Minister of EXTERNAL AFFATRS b? pletred to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that U.S.A. propos-e to give some financial assistance *to* Pakistan on the basis of their bi lateral tics;

(b) whether such assistance would help Pakistan to return to Democracy, encourage its economic development, militf.ry modernisation and promote regional stability;

(c) if so, the details of .official version on this assistance:

(d) whether Government propose to pet an assurance from the U.S.A. to ensure that such assistance shall not be used again? neighbouring countries to disturb tht regional balances; and

^e) if so, the dttails thereof and if not the reasons therefor especially in the context that such assistance in the past has been used against neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ostensibly these are some US policy objectives sought *to* be furthered through Anant isl an military assistance to Pakistan.

(c) The details of the U.S. asksistan^e to Pakistan for FY 89 SO a«-e as follows:

Development assistance	$43	million
PL 480 Title 1	$80	million
Economic support funds (ESF)	$230	million
Foreign Military sales (FMS)	8230	million
IMET	$1	million
Anti narcotics aid	$5.7 million**	
	$589.7 million	

**not to be counted in Adamn's request as this would figure separately in a separate head of account. The above figure was after reducing slightly due to temporary Gramm—Rudmann—Rollings Ad sequestration (which makes it mandatory for the U.S. Administration to gradually see Is down its budget-drficit to reach zero level in F"V 1991).

(d) and (e) The US Government maintains that US assistance is not directed against India I would not bs appropiiate for Government to comment on the im. pact of such assistance on othe] countries neighbouring Pakistan